

The President announced that he has named Heather Ann Hopkins as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Legislative Affairs in the National Security Council.

The President announced that he has named Rhonda Houston as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director for Appointments and Scheduling.

March 20

In the morning, the President had breakfast with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates, and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, in the Old Family Dining Room, he participated in an interview with Brian Lamb of C-SPAN.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Camp David, MD.

The White House announced that the President will welcome King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of Bahrain to the White House on March 25.

The President declared a major disaster in Georgia and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms and tornadoes on March 14–16.

The President announced his intention to nominate Constance S. Barker to be a member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Robert Beecroft to be Ambassador to Jordan.

The President announced his intention to nominate Tyler D. Duvall to be Under Secretary (Transportation Policy) at the Department of Transportation.

The President announced his intention to nominate John R. Vaughn to be a member of the National Council on Disability and, upon appointment, to redesignate him as Chairperson.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Council on Disability: Victoria Ray Carlson; Chad Colley; Kristen Cox; Marvin G. Fifield; John H. Hager; Lisa Mattheiss; Katherine O.

McCary; Ann Rader; Renee L. Tyree; and Tony J. Williams.

The President announced his intention to appoint William D. James as Commissioner of the U.S. section of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission.

March 21

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released March 15

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Texas

Released March 17

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Text of a question taken during a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Released March 18

Transcript of a press gaggle by Deputy Press Secretary Tony Fratto

Excerpts from the President's remarks on the war on terror

Released March 19

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Missouri

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Wisconsin

Fact sheet: Five Years Later: New Strategy Improving Security In Iraq

Released March 20

Transcript of a press briefing by Press Secretary Dana Perino

Statement by the Press Secretary on the visit of King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of Bahrain

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to Georgia

**Acts Approved
by the President**

NOTE: No acts approved by the President were received by the Office of the Federal Register during the period covered by this issue.